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## Search & Rescue Volunteer Julie Jones is the Tail that Wags the Dog

Julie Jones admits to pampering her dogs. She feeds, walks and trains them, and even had a doggy raincoat for her bloodhound Mollee in inclement weather.

At home, the administrative assistant in the sociology department had a totem pole hierarchy, she says. "Mollee was at the top and my husband and son came next," Jones says. "She was like the pampered princess. She hated to get dirty and she hated to get muddy, but once you put a harness on her..."

Mollee, who Jones lost last October to cancer, was an 11-year-old, 137-pound certified search and rescue dog. And for 11 years, Mollee and Jones had become familiar faces with state and local law enforcement officers and game wardens, undertaking the dirty business of finding murder victims or the exhilarating rewards of finding lost hunters or disoriented dementia patients before they perished from exposure.

Though Jones is the handler, the roles almost reverse when she works her dogs and she defers to their acute instincts, dragging along behind them through woods, brush and swamps as the dogs track a scent. As often as not, Jones and her dogs are called out for searches after dark and in all types of weather, in all seasons, since missing persons often are not discovered missing until they don't come home at night.

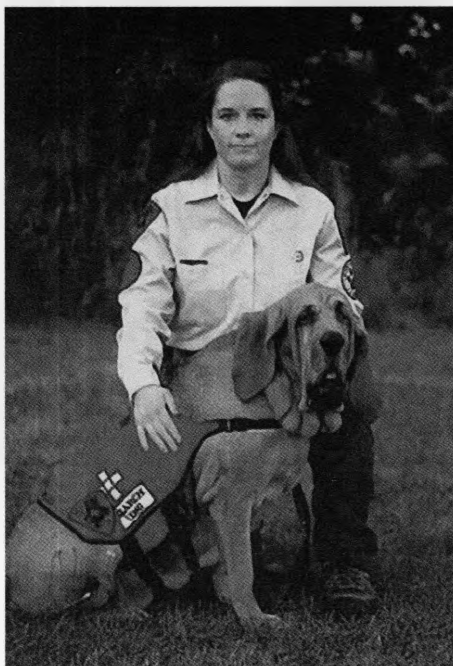
"We've worked in wet cow pastures and clam flats," Jones says of her work with Mollee. The team has worked in Indiana, searching for the body of a woman kidnapped and murdered on a back road, in southern Maine for murder victim Amy St. Laurent and near Bucksport, where a young man is suspected to have jumped from the Bucksport Verona Bridge last year.

Jones now is training two other dogs, Abbee, a seven-year-old bloodhound purchased as a house pet and companion for Mollee, but who demonstrated an aptitude for tracking, and Quincy, a five-month-old yellow Labrador retriever in training to become an air scent, water, cadaver and tracking dog - named after actor Jack Klugman's television character in the old *Quincy, M.E.* serial.

Though Jones calls herself merely "a tool" to aid law enforcement in finding missing people and helping to aid investigations, the rewards of finding people alive or bringing closure to the grieving families of the deceased are enough to fuel Jones' enthusiasm for her hobby. It is emotional business, meeting distraught families to pick up an article of clothing to offer a scent to her dogs.

Often, she serves as unofficial ambassador to law enforcement during search and rescue operations, as officers occupy themselves with the technical logistics of a search, while Jones explains the procedures to worried, impatient family members.

"I hold these people very deep in my heart," she says. "Even if we find a deceased body, at least the family knows. You always want to find the person, because it brings some finality to the uncertainty."



Julie Jones poses with Mollee in 2004

## UMaine Safe Campus Project Coordinator Nason Often First Line of Defense Against Sexual Assaults

Carey Nason, coordinator for UMaine's Safe Campus Project, works quietly, almost in the shadows on a campus the size of a small Maine city.

The symbolic thread that stitches together several campus entities that work with victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, sexual harassment or stalking on campus, Nason sometimes is the first line of defense for victims.

With a staff of a half dozen people, mostly volunteers or graduate students, she works in confidence with UMaine staff and students who can be frustrated, terrified or confused by experiences with harassment, stalking or outright assault.

Sexual crimes or offenses, she says, "are among the things you don't even recognize until they affect you, your friends, people you live with or co-workers." Sometimes victims are reluctant to report crimes because of confusion or guilt about their perceived roles and their fears of retribution.

Sexual assault is one of the three most critical concerns for campus police, along with fires and drug-related offenses. Most sexual assaults on college campuses are classified as date rape, says Chief Noel March, director of Public Safety at UMaine, and statistically, only about one in 10 is reported. About a half dozen sexual assaults a year are reported to campus police at UMaine.

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## Saving More for Retirement

By Kathleen E. Bell

**W**ith the future of Social Security uncertain, retirement savings has taken on new significance. Although we can't do much about decisions in Washington, we can take steps to protect the retirement income we stow away through payroll deductions.

One good savings strategy is to start with a savings base and then to force yourself to ratchet up what you put aside throughout your working years. Consider having additional contributions taken from your paycheck before you receive it.

With contributions toward a Supplemental Retirement Annuity taken from your pay before taxes are calculated, your taxable income is reduced and your retirement income base grows. The money isn't taxed until you tap into it after retirement.

Though UMaine works with approximately 50 companies to arrange payroll deductions for tax-sheltered annuities under the 403(b) section of the tax codes, the three most active companies on campus are TIAA-CREF, ING and AIG/VALIC.

For assistance in getting the appropriate enrollment forms to select the funds you want to use, as well as a "salary reduction agreement," which indicates the amount you want to contribute each pay period, contact Rhoda Blake at 581-2367 or e-mail [rblake@maine.edu](mailto:rblake@maine.edu) to receive a TIAA-CREF enrollment kit.

Employees can choose to contribute less than the maximum allowed by law, but classified employees should certainly consider contributing the maximum amount of 4 percent of their base income to receive the university's maximum match. If you are not sure you are getting the maximum match, please contact Rhoda at 581-2367.

Kathleen Bell is Interim Assistant Director for Employee Health, Benefits and Payroll at UMaine. ■

## ALONG THE MALL . . .



### Joyce Rumery Named Dean of Libraries

Joyce V. Rumery, interim director of libraries and assistant director for public services at UMaine's Raymond H. Fogler Library, recently was named dean of libraries at UMaine.

Rumery began her career at Fogler in 1986 as head of the access services and served as acting director from July to December of 2001 before being named interim director of libraries in 2003 while continuing as the assistant director for public services.

She oversees a staff of 65 full-time employees and 80-85 student employees.

Prior to coming to UMaine, Rumery worked from an office in Washington, D.C. as regional librarian for Central Michigan University in its Institute for Personal and Career Development, and was responsible for library services for distance students in the eastern region, from Washington D.C. to New York.

A native of North Yarmouth, Rumery holds a bachelor's degree in history from what now is the University of Southern Maine and earned a master's in library science at the University of Arizona. She lives in Old Town.



### Virginia Gibson Named To Creative Economy Panel

Virginia Gibson, associate professor of management information systems in the UMaine Business School, recently was appointed by Gov. John Baldacci to serve on his Creative Economy Council.

The 21-member council will focus on public and private initiatives to assist in building an economy to foster entrepreneurship, creative clusters, tourism, workforce development and other areas. She is one of two representatives of higher education to be named to the panel.

### Watershed Stewards Program Wins Accolades

The Northeast Extension Directors' 2004 Award of Excellence Program awarded an honorable mention in January to the UMaine Cooperative Extension Office team of staff and cooperators of the Watershed Stewards Program: Education to Action for their programs' success in making an impact on water quality issues in Maine.

Team members included John Jemison, UMaine water quality specialist, and extension educators Kathryn Hopkins (Somerset County) and Richard Kersbergen (Waldo County), Jessie Mae MacDougall, former cooperative extension staff member now with the Maine DEP, and Laura Wilson, assistant scientist, cooperative extension water quality office.

The directors' award recognizes programs that are fairly mature, have had an effect and have attracted grant money for program support. ■

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Nason, a licensed social worker pursuing a master's degree in social work from UMaine, talks with women and men about assault, harassment or relationship violence issues or refers them to a network of on- or off-campus agencies and victims' advocates, or police.

"I listen, I provide options and help people figure out what they want to do," she says. "We don't turn anyone away who is seeking answers to their questions, even if we're not the final stopping place."

All appointments and counseling are confidential, unless someone discloses child abuse, elder abuse or if someone is in imminent danger.

Funded by grants over the last four years, Nason's position recently became permanent, funded primarily by the Women's Resource Center. That's a testimony to the administration's appreciation for the coalescence she brings to campus efforts to address sexual harassment and assault, stalking and relationship violence, says Renate Klein, associate professor of family studies and director of part of the Safe Campus Project.

The program aims to improve the university's response to sexual assault, domestic violence and stalking. It provides support for victims and for concerned third parties. It also provides education and awareness events for students and employees, in addition to policy development and professional development for UMaine employees.

The Safe Campus Project is a welcome aid to public safety officers, March says, because it provides education, promotes prevention and encourages victims to report crimes and transgressions.

The Safe Campus Project [www.umaine.edu/safecampusproject](http://www.umaine.edu/safecampusproject) is located at 201 East Annex. Nason can be reached by telephone at 581-2515. ■

## Child Study Center Expansion Solidifies UMaine Community Effort

The newly expanded Child Study Center at UMaine provides more space and class options for the campus preschool, but it also represents a remarkable volunteer effort by faculty, staff and psychology students, plus parents from neighboring communities.

More than 20 people contributed about 360 hours for everything from engineering design to hammering, nailing, painting and window installations. Parents whose children attend the center and several psychology students who work with their children saved thousands of dollars in construction costs, head teacher Kevin Duplissie says.

Most noticeable about the new 12-by-36-foot room are the wall-to-wall windows offering children, staff and psychology students a refreshing, bright view of the outdoors. Less noticeable is the camaraderie the project generated among volunteers, according to Duplissie.

"We had some professors here working with the students, as well as myself," he says. "We had a diverse group learning how to do it, and it sure came through well."

The weekend carpenters, with nail guns, table and skill saws, routers, hammers and paint brushes, began the first weekend in December and continued nights, weekends and over the holiday semester break.

"It solidified for the parents their support for the program and what we do for their children," Duplissie says.

Psychology department chair Jeff Hecker committed department funds and other resources to enable the project and the Advanced Engineered Wood Composite Center, led by parent Habib Dagher, professor of civil engineering, carried out the structural design and committed personnel to build the roof system with new composite technology developed at UMaine.

Thirty-seven families from on campus and off, send their children, ages 2 1/2 to 5, on a part-time basis to the center, which



Faculty and community parents listen in January as Maine's First Lady Karen Baldacci reads aloud to their children during grand reopening ceremonies at the new Child Study Center expansion.

also serves as a child-studies research setting for UMaine psychology students who get practical experience working with and watching children's developing socialization and learning.

After reading about the expanded building, Spanish professor Kathleen March agreed to send some of her Spanish language students to introduce Spanish to the children.

Faculty, staff and students who helped build the expansion included Todd Shockey, math; Scott Peterson, English; Dan Belknap, earth sciences; James Moreira, anthropology; Margie Innis, math; Alan Cobo-Lewis, psychology; Cecilia Cobo-Lewis, Center for Community Inclusion; Kay Duplissie, Karen Belknap, assistant head teacher; Carmen Cherry, civil and environmental engineering Ph.D. candidate; Russell Edgar, AEWC, wood research scientist; William Davids, AEWC; Vernon Darling, lab coordinator, AEWC; Wayde Willard, Alford Arena maintenance supervisor; Dan Milani, campus minister, and UMaine students Traci Fish and Jessica Martineau. Parents from surrounding communities included John and Kim Ferketic, Ellie Robinson, Bill Doucette and Denise Card.

UMaine psychology professor Marie Hayes, who oversees the center as developmental coordinator, handled much of the administrative coordination for the project. ■

## Julie Jones *continued from page 1*

Jones didn't just fall into search and rescue work. Married to Brewer police Sgt. Arden Jones, she got to know her husband's former K9 partner, a Doberman pinscher, years ago, and developed an interest in working dogs. Plus, being the daughter of a retired Maine police chief, the Camden native was raised with an appreciation for police work. When the Joneses' son, Alex, now a junior sociology major at UMaine, concentrating in deviance and planning to go into law enforcement, was old enough to be left at home, she began researching search and rescue dogs and then bloodhounds. Two years later, she bought Mollee and the two began training.

More than a decade later, Jones is now tracking and trail coordinator and secretary of Maine Search and Rescue Dogs (MESARD), treasurer of Maine Association for Search and Rescue (MASAR) and the East Coast Search and Rescue coordinator for Project Safe Child.

Though most of her work doesn't take her away from the office, she says she works in an environment where her avocation is respected and supported if she is called away.

"I think the University of Maine has a lot of people who do volunteer work," Jones says. "It's important to have the support of the people you work with and for. The university as a whole is a very giving workplace. There's a lot of volunteerism that goes on. I'm just one of so much that goes on." ■



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## PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

**David M. Bradley**, associate professor, mathematics: "Multiple Q-Zeta Values," *Journal of Algebra*, 283 (2): 752-798 (January).

**Steven C. Colburn**, associate professor, accounting, "Make Effective Use of the Tax-Saving Section 179 Election," *Practical Tax Strategies*, Vol. 74, No. 2, pp. 94-103, (Feb. 2005).

**Dennis Cox**, professor, Division of Music, School of Performing Arts, attended the National Convention of the American Choral Directors Association, Los Angeles, in February.

**John Daigle**, associate professor, Parks, Recreation and Tourism program; and Carol Zimmerman, vice president for transportation systems, Battelle Memorial Institute: "The Convergence of Transportation, Information Technology and Visitor Experience at Acadia National Park," *Journal of Travel Research*, 43(2):151-160 (2004). Also, **Daigle** and Zimmerman: "Alternative Transportation and Travel Information Technologies: Monitoring Parking Lot Conditions Over Three Summer Seasons at Acadia National Park," *Journal of Park and Recreation Administration*, 22(4): 81-102 (2004).

**Bill Davids**, associate professor, civil and environmental engineering, and **Matthew Richie** and **Chris Gamache**, graduate students: "Fatigue of Glulam Beams with Fiber-Reinforced Polymer Tension Reinforcing," *Forest Products Journal*, 55(1): 93-101 (Jan. 2005).

**Michio Fukumizu**, M.D., visiting scholar, psychology, M. Kaga, director, National Institute of Mental Health, National Center of Neurology and Psychiatry, Japan, J. Kohyama, associate director, Tokyo Kita Shikai Hoken Hospital, Japan, and **Marie J. Hayes**, professor, psychology: "Sleep-Related Nighttime Crying (Yonaki) in Japan: A community-based study," *Pediatrics*, 115(1): 217-224, (Jan. 2005).

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R.T. Herschel, associate professor, management and information systems, St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia, and **Nory B. Jones**, assistant professor, management information systems, Maine Business School: "Knowledge Management & Business Intelligence: The Importance of Integration," *Journal of Knowledge Management*, 9(6) (2005).

**Rich Kent**, assistant professor, literacy, College of Education and Human Development, addressed teachers throughout the Houlton school district March 18 on "The Promise of Portfolios."

**Roberto Lopez-Anido**, associate professor, civil

and environmental engineering, **Anthony Michael**, graduate student, AEW Center, **Tom Sandford**, associate professor, civil and environmental engineering, and **Barry Goodell**, "Repair of Wood Piles Using prefabricated Fiber-Reinforced Polymer Composite Shells," *Journal of Performance of Constructed Facilities*, 19(1):78-87 (Feb. 2005).

Ramona F. Oswald, associate professor, family studies, University of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign, Libby B. Blume, associate professor, psychology, University of Detroit - Mercy, and **Steven R. Marks**, professor, sociology: "Decentering Heteronormativity: A Model for Family Studies," *Sourcebook of Family Theory and Research*, (2005).

Charles S. Gulas, associate professor, marketing, Wright State University, Ohio, and **Kim McKeage**, associate professor, marketing: "The Memetics of Transcendent Places," *Advances in Consumer Research*, Vol. 31:468-472 (2004).

**Stacy Shafer Rogers**, former climate change graduate student, **Daniel H. Sandweiss**, associate professor, anthropology and quaternary studies, associate director, Climate Change Institute, **Kirk A. Maasch**, associate professor, earth sciences and climate studies, **Daniel F. Belknap**, chair and professor, Department of Earth Sciences, Climate Change Institute and School of Marine Sciences, and **Peggy Agouris**, associate professor, spatial information science and engineering, "Coastal Change and Beach Ridges Along the Northwest Coast of Peru: Image and GIS Analysis of the Chira, Piura and Colán Beach-Ridge Plains," *Journal of Coastal Research* 20:1102-1125 (2004).

**Alan M. Rosenwasser**, professor, psychology, Fred W. Turek, Northwestern University: "Physiology of the Mammalian Circadian System," *Principles and Practice of Sleep Medicine*, Fourth Edition, (2005).

**Dan Sandweiss**, a talk: "Collapse in Ancient Peru: Two Coastal Examples," and "Resources and the Rise and Fall of Civilizations" discussion session, Tufts University, Feb. 24.

**Cihat Tascioglu**, graduate student, **Barry Goodell** and **Doug Gardner**, professors, wood science and technology and **Roberto Lopez-Anido**, civil and environmental engineering: "Surface Energy Characterization of Preservative-Treated Wood and E-Glass/Phenolic Composites," *Forest Products Journal*, 54(12):262-268 (Dec. 2004).

**Elise H. Turner**, associate professor and chair, Department of Computer Science, and **Roy M. Turner**, associate professor, computer science: "Teaching Entering Students to Think Like Computer Scientists," Proceedings of the Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education, St. Louis, Feb. 23-27.

**Yean-Hoong Teh**, former master's student, Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition, **Michael Dougherty**, research associate, food science and human nutrition, and **Mary Ellen Camire**, professor, food science and human nutrition: "Frozen Blueberry-Soy Dessert Quality,"

## SAVE THE DATES!

For a full listing of UMaine activities and calendar events check the Web at:

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**Credit Checkup with Kim Daigle, UMaine Credit Union**  
April 19, 12-1 p.m.

Bumps Room, Memorial Union

**Family & Work: Staying Sane in a Faculty Position**  
April 19, 12-1:30 p.m.

A new faculty luncheon with faculty members Bill Davids and Jessica Miller sharing tips for balancing work and family life.  
Mahogany Room, Wells Common

**Spirituality & Healing**  
April 25, 12:15-1:15 p.m.

Based on research with mystics, healers & Christian monastics with sociology professor Kyriacos Markides, Counseling Center  
Brown Bag Lunch Series,  
Coe Room, Memorial Union

*Journal of Food Science*, 70(2):S119-122 (March 2005). **Dan Vasconcelos**, graduate student, **Aram J.K. Calhoun**, associate professor, wetland ecology: "Movement Patterns of Adult and Juvenile Rana Sylvatica (LeConte) and Ambystoma Maculatum (Shaw) in Three Restored Seasonal Pools in Maine," *Journal of Herpetology*, 38(4): 551-561 (Dec 2004).

**Carol Wood**, associate professor, nursing, Grand Rounds presentation, "Management Considerations for the Pregnancy Extending Beyond 40 Weeks," West Virginia Chapter, American College of Nurse-Midwives, Charleston (W.V.) Women and Children's Hospital, (March 7, 2005).

**Mauricio Pereira da Cunha**, assistant professor, electrical and computer engineering, **Paul J. Millard**, assistant professor, Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering, and members Laboratory for Surface Science & Technology (LASST), **John F. Vetelino**, professor of electrical and computer engineering, **YH Hu**, graduate student, electrical and computer engineering, **Lester A. French**, graduate student, electrical and computer engineering, and **K. Radecksky**, former summer fellow with the National Science Foundation Research Experiences for Undergraduates Program at UMaine: "A Lateral Field Excited Liquid Acoustic Wave Sensor," *IEEE Transactions on Ultrasonics Ferroelectrics and Frequency Control*, 51(11): 1373-1380 (Nov. 2004)